

Human Pandemic Town Hall Meeting



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Human Pandemic

What It Means to You



AGENDA

- **Background**
- **What we are doing to keep you healthy**
- **What you can do to stay healthy**



PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

Impact of a Human Pandemic

- **Physical and psychological**
 - Probable high mortality
- **Absenteeism as high as 40% across the entire US work force**
 - People sick
 - Caring for loved ones
 - Afraid to come to work
- **Overwhelm medical system**
 - Heavy reliance on family care
- **Absenteeism impact on production, services, and transportation sectors**
 - Shortages of key items
 - Disruptions to infrastructure
 - Think Hurricane preparedness or blizzards



KEEPING YOU HEALTHY

- **Education and Communication**
 - **Become Flu savvy**
 - **BePrepared web site :**
<http://www.usda.gov/oo/beprepared>
 - **Channel 6**
 - **E-Mail**
 - **Posters**
 - **CENS**



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Organizational Measures for Social Distancing Means of keeping people apart

- **Close public meeting areas**
 - Cafeteria
 - Close or move to box lunches
 - Fitness Center
 - Child Care Centers
 - Auditorium
- **Change the way Office meetings are conducted**
 - Video/tele-conference, e-mails
- **Shift work**
- **Telework**



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Personal Measures for Social Distancing

- **Keep 3 feet apart**
- **Don't shake hands- do the elbow bump**
- **No group hugs**
- **Don't share**
 - **Cell phones**
 - **Writing tools**
 - **Laptops**
 - **PCs**
 - **Phones**
 - **Desks**



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Facility Preparation

- **Restrict access to official business only**
- **Open Door policy**
- **Modify support contracts to maintain essential services**
 - Maintenance
 - Custodial
 - Focus on common area and core services
- **Stockpile critical cleaning supplies**
- **USDA Supply services have stockpiled**
 - Hand sanitizers (anti-viral not anti bacterial)
 - Disinfectant wipes



Keeping Yourself Healthy

- **Wash your Hands**
- **Be Healthy**
 - Eat right—exercise—rest
- **Get your seasonal flu shots**
- **Teach your family healthy habits**
- **Cough hygiene**
- **Stay home if you are sick**
- **Learn about your local community health plans**



What You Can Do Today

- **Don't wait for a pandemic**
 - The same health practices --Wash your Hands—will keep you healthier every day
- **Get your seasonal flu shots**
- **Teach your family healthy habits--now**
- **Plan as family unit**
 - What should we stockpile at home
 - Emergency phone lists
 - Support groups
- **Spend time on the web sites**
 - Great source of data
 - BePrepared web site
 - PandemicFlu.Gov



Questions

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